

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:910

ANSWERED ON:29.07.2005

IMPORT OF COAL FOR POWER PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large scale import of coal is being mooted for running various power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total coal imported by each thermal power plant during the last three years; year-wise;
- (d) the details of quantity and quality of coal imported during the period from various countries along with the cost thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the imported coal is superior than that of Indian coal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Import of 13.45 million tonnes of coal has been planned during 2005-06 in order to sustain generation in the thermal power plants and to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal from indigenous sources and to build the stock upto reasonable level.

(c) : The details of coal imported by the thermal power plants during the last three years are given in Annexure.

(d) : The coal is being imported from South Africa, Indonesia, Australia & China. The Gross Calorific Value (GCV) of imported coal is generally higher than 5300 Kcal/Kg.

The CIF price of imported coal varies in different periods from 50 to 70 U.S. Dollars (approximately) per metric tonne depending on demand-supply position in the international market.

(e) : The imported coal is superior due to its lower ash content and higher calorific value.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.910 TO B E ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 29.07.2005.

Details of Coal Imported by Thermal Power Plants during last three years

(Figures in `000 Tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of Power Station	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Lehra Mohabbat	3	0	0
2.	Ahmedabad	764	532	465
3.	Gandhinagar	930	577	665
4.	Ukai	8	0	0
5.	Wanakbori	73	26	0
6.	Dahanu	285	528	426
7	Trombay	857	1423	1990
8.	Bhusawal	0	0	144
9.	Nasik	0	0	393
10.	Raichur	76	0	0
11.	Budge Budge	75	283	285
12.	Titagarh	0	0	123
13.	Kota	0	0	34
14.	Suratgarh	0	0	39
15.	North Chennai	0	0	17
Total		3071	3369	4527

